

Memorandum of Understanding

Among

State of Washington, Department of Ecology, (WDOE)
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Western Region, (USDA)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10, (EPA)

Concerning

the cooperative administration of:

1. the laws enacted by the United States of America under the "Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 (P.L. 96-510 42 USC et seq.) (CERCLA)
2. the laws enacted by the State of Washington in Chapter 70.105 RCW and Chapter 90.48 RCW to protect health and environment by abating threats from hazardous or toxic wastes.

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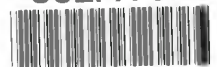
Yakima Agricultural Research Laboratory
U.S.D.A.
Yakima, Washington

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to conduct an investigation and any appropriate remedial action at the Yakima Agricultural Research Laboratory through the cooperative efforts of EPA, WDOE and USDA.

The Director of the Washington Department of Ecology, the Regional Administrator of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Western Region, and the Regional Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10, enter into this MOU which defines the following responsibilities of each party:

1. WDOE will be designated the lead agency. It will be their responsibility to develop in a separate document a scope of work, and compliance schedule, and to effect any necessary correction of contamination as may exist at this site. This document and any subsequent related documents will be forwarded to EPA for review and concurrence prior to submitting to USDA for enactment.
2. Said documents will not restrict EPA's statutory oversight responsibility. EPA reserves the right to take independent action.
3. This agreement is entered into by all parties in the spirit of correcting any contamination as may exist with a minimum of red tape. All parties agree to carry out review and coordination in a timely manner.
4. EPA has the authority to enter into this MOU pursuant to §107(g) of CERCLA, §1-1 of Executive Order No. 12088, dated October 13, 1978, and §4.(d) of Executive Order No. 12316, dated August 14, 1981.

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